

I am filing comments against RM-11306.

Regulating the current amateur frequencies by bandwidth vs. mode is bound to create additional complications and add layers of confusing and obfuscatory regulations to an already confused situation.

How this would be enforced is really beyond comprehension, when the Commission has truly important and serious matters to deal with.

Please keep in mind that the general direction in amateur radio has been towards de-regulation.

The comments particularly filed by Ron Grandmaison, W4VR, are especially counterproductive and short sighted, since AM is a technical proving ground for the involved amateurs, who by the nature of the beast develop some real knowledge of the circuitry and form a theoretical and empirical base for working with circuitry and applying common sense engineering practice.

SSB operation on the other hand is overwhelmingly produced, without question, by "appliance operators" who often have little understanding of the transceivers they purchase, and frequently exhibit poor operating practice, generating broad and distorted signals. Many memorize the mostly irrelevant "question base" on the FCC exams, which does not help them gain a true understanding of operating in the HF spectrum. A minority of amateurs in general exhibit a really competent technical understanding which permits them to design, build, and operate anything from radios to antennas; this in an amateur universe where it is now common to even purchase wire antennas from "manufacturers"!

Most AM operators on the other hand use their interest as a training ground to learn and better their understanding of the art and science of radio. The nature of AM produces broader signals, just as SSB produces broader signals than CW. Spectrum space, and crowding in as many narrowband signals as possible, and policing such a situation on top of it, is not realistic.

Let the AM'ers develop their knowledge and provide a genuine technical base for the amateur community, and please do not accept the premise of RM-11306 as filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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